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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
HEGER et al.) Applications

Serial No. 09/640,091)

Filed: August 17, 2000)

For: TEST UNIT AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING STABLE FORMULATIONS)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claim 1 as follows:

1. A dividing wall column divided in the middle region into a feed section and an offtake section by a [dividing] dividing wall and having as segments

- a) an upper column region,
- b) an enrichment section of the feed section,
- c) a stripping section of the feed section,
- d) an upper part of the offtake section,
- e) a lower part of the offtake section,
- f) an intermediate region of the feed section,
- g) an intermediate region of the offtake section

and

- h) a lower column region,

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